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## **Environment Department Announces Meat Recall**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) wishes to advise consumers that Stampede Meats, Inc. of Chicago has announced a voluntary recall of some frozen meat products. The company believes that meats it produced during the week of March 17-22, 2003 may have E. coli contamination.

These products include frozen steaks of various cuts all bearing the establishment code EST 19113 found inside the US Department of Agriculture mark of inspection.

If consumers find products in their homes that are subject to this recall, these frozen meats should be discarded or returned to their place of purchase.

E. coli infection can cause bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps with the very young, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems being the most susceptible. It is believed that five persons have become ill after eating these meat products in Minnesota, Michigan, and Kansas.

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